

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: November 24, 2019**  
**Thanksgiving**  
**1 Chronicles 16:1-36**

According to Wikipedia, “The event that Americans commonly call the "First Thanksgiving" was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in October 1621. This feast lasted three days, and—as accounted by attendee Edward Winslow—it was attended by 90 Native Americans and 53 Pilgrims. The New England colonists were accustomed to regularly celebrating "thanksgivings"—days of prayer thanking God for blessings such as military victory or the end of a drought.”

1. What is the occasion for the celebration in this passage (see chapters 14 & 15)?
  - a. David has been established as king of Israel.
  - b. David has defeated the Philistines.
  - c. The ark of the covenant has been brought to Jerusalem to the tent/place of worship that has been constructed for it.
  
2. How did David and the Israelites celebrate these things that God had done, according to 16:1-7?
  - a. They gathered.
  - b. They presented offerings to God.
  - c. David blessed the people in the name of the Lord.
  - d. David gave every person a loaf of bread, a cake of dates, and a cake of raisins.
  - e. He appointed worship leaders and asked them to lead Israel in praise to God.
  
3. What sorts of things does the song that David directed them to sing call God’s people to say and do, according to 16:8-36?
  - a. Proclaim the name of God; Make him known among the nations.
  - b. Tell everybody about the wonderful things God has done.
  - c. Seek his face always.
  - d. Remember all of the wonders, miracles, etc. that God has done.
  - e. God fulfills his promises.
  - f. God has protected us.
  - g. Do not touch the people that God has anointed to proclaim his word.
  - h. Sing!
  - i. God is great and worthy of praise.
  - j. God is powerful and worthy of fear (respect and honor).
  - k. Recognize and proclaim that God glorious and strong.
  - l. Remember that the Lord reigns.
  - m. The Lord is good and His love endures forever.
  - n. Ask God for help when you need it. Cry out to Him...he will listen.
  
4. Do you regularly give him the praise he deserves? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. When we sing to God, do you consider the words of the songs and give him authentic praises or do you just like (or not like, perhaps) the music? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Do you think it is appropriate to use this holiday in our culture to stop and praise God? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ Will you? \_\_\_\_\_
  
7. What has God done in your life that is worthy of this kind of praise and worship? \_\_\_\_\_  
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